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U. S. farmers have more machines than ever before to help them make the defense production needed. Figures compiled by the U. S. Department of Agriculture show that there were more than double the number of tractors in 1950 as in 1941.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that through February 1951 farmer had put approximately 364,711,172 bushels of 1950-crop wheat, barley, oats, rye, flaxseed, corn, and grain sorghums under Commodity Credit Corporation price support.

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Keeping farm machinery in good condition and placing early orders for repair and replacement parts is the two-point machinery preparedness program outlined for American farmers by the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

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Grain exports over the 8-month period July-February totaled almost 329 million bushels, according to the Department of Agriculture. This compares with a total of 359 million bushels for the like period of 1949-50.

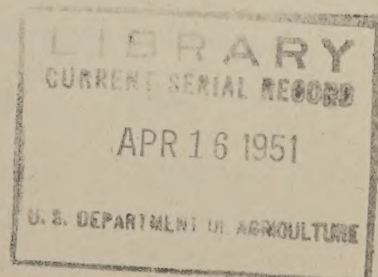
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Under the Agricultural Conservation Program, cooperating farmers receive assistance on the share-the-cost basis in carrying out soil and water conservation practices. This assistance averages about half of the out-of-pocket cost of the practices.

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Prices received by farmers for many commodities have risen recently, and are now high in relation to their own history. But they have advanced only 21 percent since the outbreak in Korea, whereas tin has gone up 138 percent, lead nearly 50, chemicals about 27 and textiles 32 percent, the U. S. Department of Agriculture points out.

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School Lunch Programs operate in 48 States and 4 Territories and serve over a billion and a quarter meals to 8,655,000 school children in a year, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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"The need to maintain high-level feed grain production is too important for us to take any chances. Feed grain is a keystone in the whole agricultural defense effort. Adequate production of meat and other animal products depends directly on the feed grain supply" Secretary of Agriculture Charles F. Brannan.

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In 1948, U. S. farmers raised about 90 percent more total crops per labor-hour than in 1910, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports.

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Government price support on wool will be available in 1951 if needed. The support will average 50.7 cents per pound, the Production and Marketing Administration reports.

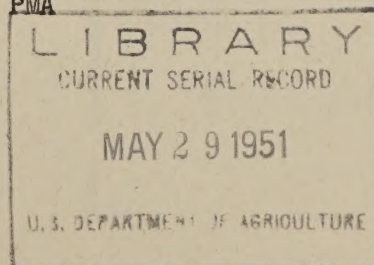
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More than 5 million farms or 85 percent of U. S. farms are electrified, and only about 800,000 remain without service, says Knox T. Hutchinson, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture.

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Iron and steel scrap is needed once again to keep the Nation's steel mills rolling at full capacity, says the National Production Authority, U. S. Department of Commerce. Spring clean-up offers farmers and ranchers a good opportunity to salvage the scrap so urgently required for military and civilian products.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports that growers plan to raise a record turkey crop of nearly 45 million birds this year.

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture's Safety Council, working with the National Fire Protection Association, reports heavy fire damage on American farms last year -- damage that amounted to nearly 100 million dollars. Now's the time to get rid of winter's accumulation of trash and junk? Check your lightning rods, and examine your chimneys!

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The U. S. Department of Agriculture says that if you're an average person, you used about 100 pounds of sugar last year.

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The time to take action against a future shortage of feed is not when we have run out of reserves, but now, Secretary of Agriculture, Charles F. Brannan recently told the Agricultural Mobilization Committees.

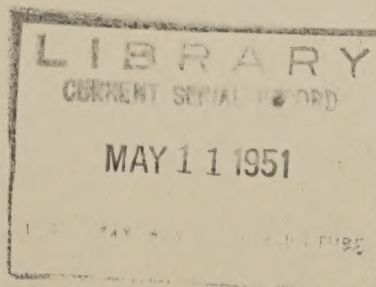
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May 1 is the final date for signing up in the 1951 Agricultural Conservation Program, the Production and Marketing Administration emphasizes.

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Indicated winter wheat production of 727 million bushels is only slightly below last year's winter wheat crop of 751 million bushels, in spite of a substantial decline in production prospects since December 1, the Department of Agriculture reports.

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The proportion of full, or Type A, meals being served under the school lunch program is increasing. The U. S. Department of Agriculture reports 67½ percent of lunches served in January were the well-balanced full meals.

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Farmers have added materially to the strength of the Nation through the soil and water conservation practices carried out under the Agricultural Conservation Program over the past 15 years.

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Farmers' production expenses in 1951 are expected to be 10 to 15 percent higher than in 1950 when they reached the highest level on record, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reports.

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Foods listed by the U. S. Department of Agriculture as "plentiful" during the month of May include: Lettuce, carrots, asparagus, canned applesauce, apples, eggs, broilers and fryers, fresh or frozen fish, dry beans, cheese, cottage cheese, and peanut butter.

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Wheat sales under the International Wheat Agreement by all countries during the 1950-51 year have now reached almost 518 million bushels, according to the Department of Agriculture. This leaves 44.7 million bushels of the total guaranteed quantity of 562.5 million bushels to be sold.

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Increasing feed requirements could easily lead to a tight feed situation in 1952. Prevention of such a development is the purpose behind the Department of Agriculture's high feed production guides, the Production and Marketing Administrator emphasizes.

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